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BRIEFS

■ Nordstrom Gets Some Bull:

The Seattle-based Black Dollar Days Task Force recently presented the Pentagon City Nordstrom store with the "Bull Corner Award," an anti-African-American Community Service Award. Nordstrom is being singled out because of its discriminatory treatment of African-American employees said Donald Heath, a member of PARAN. "Nordstrom's African-American hiring and promotion records are shameful and have resulted in numerous complaints from employees, EEOC charges, individual lawsuits, and a nationwide class action lawsuit charging Nordstrom with many violations of the Civil Rights Act," said Squawake Collins, a former Nordstrom employee. —SEATTLE

■ Blacks Back Bob:

Assemblyman Bob Smith, Democratic candidate for Congress in the new 8th Congressional District, received the unanimous endorsement of the Coalition of the Black Elected Officials of Middlesex County. Councilman Reginald Butler of Old Bridge and chairman of the coalition said he was pleased about the endorsement saying that Smith has aptly represented urban municipalities and has been instrumental in the improvement of the urban infrastructure. Butler also said that Smith has an urban agenda and has been vocal about the issues and concerns of African-Americans. —PISCATAWAY

■ Lowering the Interest Boom:

Citibank has recently announced a massive cut in their interest rates for their Visa and MasterCard credit cards. The original rate of 19.9 percent is being reduced to 15.9 percent effective June 1. The move is seen as a significant one and indicative of the future trend among banks carrying credit cards with high interest rates. Other banks are already jumping on the bandwagon lowering their interest rates and/or offering cards with no annual fees. Experts anticipate that in the coming months, consumers will not have to pay interest rates of 18 percent as the credit card war continues to heat up. —MARYLAND

by Ewurase Osayande

PLAINFIELD — In light of the recent media attention given to the plight of urban communities across the nation, many of these

same cities are about to, once again, feel the harsh reality of urban deprivation and neglect. On May 20, RH Macy & Co., Inc. announced that it has decided to close eight "underperforming" department stores by August 1992, in order to strengthen the

company's overall development.

This decision has come at a very bad time for the targeted cities still grappling with the effects of the recession. These cities include: Brooklyn, NY (Flatbush Avenue); New Rochelle, NY; Plainfield, NJ; Newark, NJ; Hunt

Valley, MD; Avondale, GA; and Columbia, SC. In a joint statement, Mark S. Handler and Myron E. Ullman III, Macy's co-chairman and co-chief executive officers said, "Closing stores is always a painful process, but we believe these actions are necessary to ensure the ongoing viability of the organization for our 65,000 employees nationwide."

This news came as a shock to the city of Plainfield, where over 150 people will be directly affected by the closing. Mayor Harold W. Mitchell was informed

of the decision the same day that it was made public by Edward Jay Goldberg, VP for Macy's Consumer Affairs.

"Mr. Goldberg informed me that these actions are solely related to the store's recent bankruptcy proceedings. This news is both devastating and discouraging for our community; in particular, given the high profile Macy's represents in the Plainfield downtown. Macy's key role will be missed, but we will still proceed with economic development."

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Washington march didn't have feeling of hope



by Stacey Peterson

WASHINGTON, DC — A desperate urge to save the country's cities may have been the intent but the feeling of the thousands who

Estimates placed the crowd at more than 100,000 people from all races, all walks of life, with their own agendas for a better tomorrow marched from the Capitol to the Washington Monument in the "Save Our Cities, Save Our Children"

from New Jersey who felt they needed to be there.

Mrs. Johnson said she wanted to show her support for what the demonstration was trying to accomplish—a wake up call to the federal government that the cities are in trouble and the President and some new direction are what can save them.

She said that even though she

Clinton comes to Jersey

Does he have an urban agenda?

by Ewurase Osayande

TEANECK — The following is an interview with Lonnie Shackelford, Deputy Chairperson of the Democratic Party, With the New Jersey Primary right around the corner, the needs of the urban community must be brought to the forefront with the current pool of politicians.

CITY NEWS: This being an election year, a lot of promises will be made by politicians, what points are being made by Democratic frontrunner, Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton to instill trust within the black community?

LONNIE SHACKLEFORD: Bill Clinton is stressing heavily his commitment to insuring opportunities for all. Government consistently has been promoting divisive programs that serve to divide Americans on basis of race, sex, and economic class. Gov. Clinton has always been about pushing for opportunity for all. Education—quality education, health care, and jobs are not available for all. He is convinced that he can pull this country together.

CN: It is understood that he can change things for the better, but what specific plans does he have in mind to implement if he is to be elected?

LS: In education, Clinton has shown his commitment to opportunity for all. As Governor of Arkansas, he implemented a plan that would grant every student that graduates with a C average or better the opportunity to

go to college. The state would help them by providing them with grants and loans. If elected he would start his National Service Plan which would allow a youngster to go college, who normally couldn't due to financial stability, through loans and aid programs. The student can work out the debt by working in the police force in education or city or state government.

Bill Clinton also understands the importance of the family. To strengthen the family, he plans to better the day care programs across the country.

CN: Historically, it has been shown that the Democratic party has used the black community to exploit their agenda without dealing seriously with the issues in the community, itself. Why should the black community believe that things are going to change now?

LS: Bill Clinton has never viewed blacks as more or less than people. If we don't understand that, then we haven't been listening to what the Governor has been saying. He has hired and appointed minorities in key positions. He looks to build inclusiveness rather than exclusiveness. Clinton wants to bring unity—equal access to the "American Dream."

And he is dedicated to implementing programs to achieve that goal. CN: Bill Clinton is always seen talking about the middle class. But hardly ever is he seen speaking to the everyday workers in the city. What image is he trying to portray?

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went to the nation's capital to resist the infrastructure was that of a people without hope.

March on May 16. City News publishers Jan and Henry Johnson were among those

was moved by words from Rev. Jesse Jackson who did address steps for action, she was disappointed because there wasn't a "heastep," and many of the people who the wake up call was directed did not even show up or send representatives to the march.

Neither President George Bush nor Democratic frontrunner Governor Bill Clinton participated in the rally or sent representa-

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Questions still abound after state's report on use of force in law enforcement

TRENTON — On May 11, New Jersey's Attorney General Robert Del Tufo released the final report of his Task Force on the Use of Force in Law Enforcement. Even though statistics show that excessive force is rarely used in the state, area leaders are still not satisfied.

Police brutality has been the focal issue in and out of New Jersey, not only because of the 1991 beating of Rodney King, but because of several incidents in New Jersey where people of color have lost their lives at the hands of those who are charged to "protect and serve."

Charles Webster, head of the African Congress in Teaneck, where the shooting death of Phillip Pannell by police officer Gary Spain, served as one of the catalysts of discontent in minority communities, said that one of the major holes in the Task Force report was that it was made up of several law enforcement officials. He said that out of the 25 members, 14 were representatives of law enforcement organizations.

"It doesn't represent grass roots

organizations," Webster said. "When Del Tufo speaks about trust in law enforcement and the community wants that trust, but the community isn't represented."

Webster said that even though the Task Force addressed certain pertinent issues with statistics, issues such as a special prosecutor to investigate these cases, little community input, the questionable jury process, and the fact that brutality is accepted and not considered a crime, are important points that still must be addressed.

According to the press release on the results of the Task Force issued by Del Tufo's office, the police officers in New Jersey "rarely use excessive force." In 1990, of 68 percent of the people polled believe that incidents of excessive brutality, a la Rodney King, occur very or somewhat frequently. Twenty percent of the people polled believe that these type of incidents occur in their community and 20 percent said they knew a person who had been treated with excessive force.

law enforcement officers in state and federal courts during a two-year period revealed 248 actions alleging assault or battery.

In the press release, Frederick P. DeSena, First Assistant Attorney General, who chaired the Task Force, said that even though this information is not conclusive, "law enforcement officers in this state do not routinely resort to excessive force in their encounters with private citizens."

The Task Force, by way of a public opinion poll, found that many people (68 percent of the people polled) believe that incidents of excessive brutality, a la Rodney King, occur very or somewhat frequently. Twenty percent of the people polled believe that these type of incidents occur in their community and 20 percent said they knew a person who had been treated with excessive force.

Several recommendations by the Task Force included:

- Establishing a statewide system

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Just us justice in New Jersey

by L. Michelle Odom

Part I

NEWARK — "Gross disparity between the quality of life among African-Americans and that of whites in New Jersey are as dramatic as the data illustrating who is more likely to be caught in the criminal justice system," declared Larry McCormick in a report on criminal justice in the state.

McCormick is an Analyst in the Office of Management and Budget of the New Jersey Department of Treasury, and is President of the Coalition of Professional Employees. He is one of seven public administrators who provided analyses for the New Jersey Public Policy Research Institute's (NJPPRI) annual report.

Gwendolyn L. Long, NJPPRI president and Director of Health and Human Services for the City of Trenton, presented the group's "Eleventh Annual Report before a small group of public administrators, educators and press in Newark on April 12.

Entitled "Blacks in New Jersey: Crime, Drugs, Justice & Afri-

can-Americans," the report is full of statistical data and analyses describing the gross disparity and apparent injustice suffered by African-Americans as they move through the state's criminal justice system.

• An "Unwinnable" War on Drugs

The disparate treatment is so glaring, Associate Professor of Sociology at Rutgers, Dr. Jeanette Covington, was moved to call for a legalization of drugs. In her article "The Black Community and the War on Drugs," this option is favored over continued suffering as the state and country hopelessly struggle to win what she describes as "an unwinnable war" against drugs.

Covington argues that "levels of law enforcement actually shape the type of market which exists and more crackdowns tend to encourage a more violent and more professional market." "This is so, she states, because amateur drug dealers are easily removed from the scene, while more professional, better organized and more violent dealers remain to protect and expand their now larger

markets. They are also then able to increase their prices.

Furthermore, Covington writes, "as drug prices rise, committed users are more inclined to initiate or increase their involvement in property crimes to support expensive drug habits."

Similarly, efforts to thwart major traffickers are equally doomed. "The sheer volume of goods and people coming into our country presents any serious effort to fence out any substantial proportion of drug contraband... the search for drugs in the midst of all this commerce resembles nothing more than a search for a needle in a haystack."

The logic of legalization, therefore, is that suppliers would have less reason to kill each other in protecting their turf, and buyers would have less reason to steal because costs would go down as availability of drugs goes up.

Covington found evidence that a disproportionate number of black drug users are being arrested and the vast amount of the drug spent on enforcement might be better utilized in treatment and prevention

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OPINION EDITORIAL

Urban plight, urban flight

What do the cities of Brooklyn, NY, Plainfield and Newark, NJ all have in common? Well, they are the urban locations where RH Macy & Co., Inc. has decided to close stores due to "underperformance." Looks to us like the ultimate in urban abandonment.

Right on the heels of the "Save Our Cities" march on Washington where thousands of people gathered to ask the government for help in order to repair the country's infrastructure, these viable parts of the community have been stabbed in the back once again.

Doesn't anyone care about the cities? Did the Plainfield and Newark stores—two of the company's longstanding, most profitable pieces of the Macy's crown—have to be the ones to have the doors closed forever? Doesn't having a store in one of America's largest retail chains mean as much to the rebuilding of Plainfield and Newark as it does to the already suburban solid Bridgewater or Willowbrook or Menlo Park? Did these new stores need so much high gloss while the others fought to hold together these struggling cities? Macy's could have made some other choices when they decided some of their stores must be shut down.

What's to become of Plainfield? It doesn't even have a fraction of the economic base that Newark has. What's going to happen to the other merchants in a city that relied heavily on having a first rate department store in its downtown area? Plainfield's Mayor Harold Mitchell said he will try to fight it but he can't split against wind.

Once a vital and integral part of the nation's development, now cities have become the blacksheep of society. As more and more people of all races seek "the better life" of the suburbs, the cities and their forgotten children will remain just that—forgotten—as uneducated officials let their BMWs and drive off to their suburban homes armed with litany of rhetoric for their urban constituents.

Letter to the Editor...

Plainfield Councilman sets record straight

Dear Editor:

This letter is to advise you of an error printed in the April 29th issue of City News. Although the error seems trivial, in light of the potential volatility of the circumstances, I feel it important to set the record straight.

City News indicated that two councilpersons, namely Frank McKee and myself, asked whether or not we could have the group responsible for the march pay for the overtime incurred by the city, as opposed to the city incurring the costs.

This was not the case at all. Please allow me to provide you with the facts as they occurred at this meeting.

The City Administration informed the Council that the march had taken place without the group's procuring of a permit to march. Coincidentally, this Council had previously authorized a parade for another group contingent upon their agreeing to pay for certain expenses that would be incurred by the city for the police overtime.

The question of equal protection and access was raised as it relates to certain groups being given permission to march and the possibility of other groups being denied. Any organized march as defined by

city ordinance is sure to generate additional costs to the city in the way of the police division's involvement.

It was my suggestion that we put together a task force to address the question of parades, marches and the like and formulate a "policy" which may or may not include the group or groups responsible for the march, to pay a set fee for their event. This would go a long way in addressing the issue of favoritism and bias should they occur.

I was informed that the administration would do so and I volunteered to serve on that task force.

My comment was in response to a present problem and one that may escalate in light of the number of persons desiring to hold parades, marches, organized protests, and the such that would by its very nature, be in violation of the city's ordinance in prohibition of such without prior permit. It was not, in response to this or any other group's past activities.

I appreciate your time and applaud your efforts in bringing this fine publication to the citizens of Plainfield.

Signed:
Troy L. Smith, Esq.
Councilman, Fourth Ward

Quote of the Week

Force should only be used to detain the suspect, anything outside of that is questionable. The case involving Rodney King is unbelievable.

Captain Ron Law
Plainfield Police Dept.

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By Connie Woodruff

This would be a pretty dull primary election if our eyes were not riveted on what New York voters will choose for their district leaders in the South, West and Central wards.

In those areas it's like old times because of the jockeying for the ward chairmanships.

With the cast of characters involved, there is no sure thing for any aspirant, including the incumbents although they have a definite edge by having held the position for a number of years.

Willie Brown, a long time Assemblyman and chief of staff for County Executive Tom D'Alesio will be strongly challenged by Oscar James, a founding member of the fledgling South West Independent Democrats (SWID).

Commentary...

Guilty as charged

by Mack C. Williams

In light of the preposterous verdict in the Rodney King case, one could easily state that the wrong individuals were on trial in Simi Valley, California.

Of course, this is not to say that the four LAPD cops—or, at the very least, Koon, Wind and Powell—should not have been convicted and jailed for their savage video beating of Rodney King. Nor is this an attempt to absolve the so-called "jury" and "judge" of their richly deserved share of the responsibility of this type of "justice" that only happens to "just" us.

But these individuals were not responsible for the type of racial attitudes in this country which would lead to this type of verdict. In a country such as ours, the president often sets the moral and political tone for the people during his administration. Should not, therefore, Ronald Reagan and George Bush have been on trial for the furthering of racial polarization in America?

The evidence for the prosecution is overwhelming. From Ronald Reagan's kickoff of his presidential campaign, in all of places, Philadelphia, Mississippi (the site of the 1964 murders of young civil rights workers) Chapey, Goodman, and Schwerner, to his depictions of "welfare queens" to his attempts

SWID is flexing political muscles of a sort since their endorsed candidate, Kim Gatty, was elected to the Newark Board of Education in April when there were many who said it could be done.

Gatty was making her first bid for elected office but she parlayed her affiliation with South Ward Councilman Donald Bradley into an unprecedented win. She also had some strong behind-the-scenes help from a few veteran campaigners and attracted a young group of supporters who probably see themselves in her shoes a few years hence.

When SWID said it would concentrate on electing Gatty before turning organizational attention to the big guns holding political office, there were the usual Doobling Thomases among veteran activists.

But like a well trained thoroughbred, James came to the track

slow, has paced his race and with less than two weeks to go is picking up speed every day.

But this is a race he cannot win on his own. He must elect county committee candidates who will vote him in as South Ward chairman and here is where Willie Brown and other incumbent chairmen have odds in their favor.

Presumably Brown's county committee (incumbents) will get themselves re-elected and will not defect from the Assemblyman's camp. Those who have jobs because of the chairmen know if he's out they also will be out—of a job.

And since there is the presumption new leadership will spawn new (mini or maxi) leaders would be defectors third time. In some cases, they'd rather fight than switch.

In the West Ward, Paul Reilly and Jeannette Seabrooks are face-to-face with Bill Nash, a long time Newark activist and one-time student leader at Livingston and Essex County Colleges.

The fact that Nash is preaching black leadership in the Demo-cratic party as Ward and/or city party chairman, Nash is appealing to younger voters who are chafing at the bit to be Democratic Party "insiders" early, rather than late, in their political experience.

However, for Bill Nash, it's definitely an uphill battle because older, more conservative leaders still consider him a "young rebel" who may lose more than he can gain for them from the party leadership.

It's just the opposite in the Central Ward where Saidi Nguru is considered the black leadership, young Turk. He is opposed by Charles Bell and Jim Wallace, a pair of seasoned political activists with years of experience and recognition as community leaders paid plenty of dues over the years.

Bell's weakness is that most folks equate him with East Ward politics and Wallace may be too closely identified with North Ward political thinking.

Steve Aduabo, As of now the Ward chairmanship among Democrats is really up for grabs. Bell is certain to have widespread support among voters who live in public housing because of his leadership on the Newark Board of Education. Wallace has touched the lives of thousands of families in the Ward as a partner in the International Youth Organization for which he and his wife, Carolyn have won numerous local and national community service awards.

Saidi has been closely associated with Central Ward councilman George Branch for years and active with black student associations at NJIT, Rutgers and Essex County College.

CITY NEWS WANTS TO KNOW!

How do you feel about Macy's stores closing in urban areas? Upset, angry, don't care, ready to boycott, another rung in the ladder of discrimination? City News wants to know! Circle one and send in your responses to City News, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061. We will tally the results and print them in a future issue.

1. Don't care. It's no big deal.
2. It's a shame, but is indicative of today's times.
3. Cities should try to fight it. I will sign a petition.
4. I'm incensed! I will boycott Macy's until urban stores are opened.

Letter to the Editor...

Ex Freedom National Bank employees support Haney

Dear Editor:

As former employees of the now-defunct Freedom National Bank of New York, and residents of Hudson and Essex Counties here in New Jersey, we are pleased that Robert Haney is running for Congress in the 13th District. We have witnessed first-hand Mr. Haney's ability to champion the rights of average citizens in the face of powerful and entrenched government authority.

Freedom National Bank, one of the nation's largest minority-owned banks, was closed by federal regulators in November 1989, causing great hardship to its continuity and customers as well as many loyal, hard-working employees. Although these employees were not responsible for Freedom's demise and had passed up other job opportunities to stay

and help save the Bank, the regulators did not feel obligated to honor the modest severance package that had been promised. As attorney for several of those employees, Mr. Haney tenaciously negotiated with the regulators until a settlement was finally reached.

Many of these capable individuals remain unemployed due to the banking industry slump, and this belated severance pay has been a godsend.

We would like to publicly thank Bob Haney for devoting his tireless and selfless energy to our cause.

Sincerely,
Edmund B. Gish
Hudson County, NJ
George Kilday
Hudson County, NJ
Jarvis L. DeWalt
Essex County, NJ

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Since there are so few Republicans in Newark, candidates for GOP Ward Chairman should have a fairly easy time getting elected. One cannot imagine Harold Edwards having a rough time in the South Ward where he is the incumbent. In the Central and West Wards Hadrian Simmons and Kurt Cuthbert are the likely winners.

The fun and games for Republicans will come after their convention when the electorate will get down to the nitty gritty of electing President Bush over whoever emerges as his challenger to the November election. That will tell how effective these guys are in a Democratic stronghold like Newark. It will also tell once and for all where the rapidly growing Hispanic vote is in party politics and which party can lay claim to a strong Black Latino coalition.

Meantime, Essex County Register Larrie West Stalls is happy. Her recent soiree played to a wall-to-wall crowd at Don's 21. It was a glittering social and well packed political event. If you've got it, flaunt it. It is an axiom never wasted on Stalls when it's important for her to show she still packs a strong political wallop.

Best of all, despite her strong political image, her fundraisers are always carried out with a touch of class. Way to go, girlfriend.

Speaking of friends: Kathy Willis, one of Stalls' closest confidantes has been selected to corral a heavy black vote (statewide) for Democratic presidential contender Bill Clinton.

Kathy, a vice chairwoman of the Black Issues Coalition (BIC) and party insider, has taken leave of absence from her administrative job with the Girl Scouts (Essex County) and from now until the June Primary, can be found at Clinton's state headquarters in West Orange.

Have a feeling that Kathy would much prefer to be working out of Clinton's Newark headquarters that will be set up under Mayor Sharpe James' leadership. However being a professional politician is like being in the armed service. You go where the General thinks you are needed.

Hopefully Clinton will get the message in New Jersey and have more than token representation for statewide coordination.

If you want to know how the big boys play hardball politics, look at Nutley. To make sure Democrats don't get a short shift in this special election year, veteran state legislator, Carmen Orochio was elected Mayor of Nutley last week. Not to mention the fact his family owns the NUTLEY SUN, the town's only weekly newspaper.

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Plainfield resident to receive Governor's Award

SUMMIT — The Governor's Award in Arts Education will be presented to Plainfield resident William Jimenez, a junior at Oratory Prep School in Summit, at a ceremony to be held on June 2 at the New Jersey State Museum. The awards will be presented by Governor Jim Florio, Commissioner John Ellis, and Secretary of State Daniel Dalton.

William is among those students who are being recognized for their work in music, dance, theater, writing, and visual arts. William is being honored for his active participation in the New Jersey School of the Arts Program. A participant in the New Jersey Teen Arts Festival, William has also played at Carnegie Hall. This distinction came about as a result of

having won the Ruth Slenczynska Competitive Recital held at Drew University last spring. He chose Chopin's Opus 15, No. 2, a piano nocturne in F-sharp as his selection. In addition to his musical talents, William is active in Oratory's track and field program and is a member of the school's Chess Team and Club. He is also an active member of the Plainfield Chess Club.

Upward Bound applications now being accepted

UPPER MONTCLAIR — High school students from Jersey City, Bayonne, Montclair, and Passaic, who one day hope to attend college and can benefit from the special academic and social preparation available from Montclair State's Upward Bound Program are encouraged to submit their applications

before the June 1 deadline. The federally funded Upward Bound Program based at Montclair State will enroll a maximum of 120 students aged 14 through 18 for a no-cost, six-week campus residency experience this summer, complemented by a ten month follow-up program throughout the high school

year to assure that students are meeting college-oriented course requirements. To be eligible, students should be becoming 9th, 10th or 11th graders, most standard low income guidelines and be in need of extra academic support because of scholastic achievement that is below grade level in the reading and mathematics areas. Upward Bound has been especially effective through the years in orienting inner-city youngsters to college life and the college testing and admissions process.

Six awards to be given to youths in children's art exhibit

WATCHUNG — A juried exhibition for children will be held at the Watchung Arts Center during June, with six awards being given for the best of show in various categories. This competitive event is open to all children in the 7 to 14 year age range. Entries must be brought to the Watchung Arts Center on Saturday, June 6, between 10:30 a.m. and noon. The work will be displayed in the first floor Studio from June 14 through June 28.

One of the educational goals of the non-profit Watchung Arts Center is to encourage artistic appreciation among children. If children have an opportunity to see their artwork displayed and admired, a large step is taken towards that goal. Recognition of budding talents and creative potential will give positive reinforcement and hopefully encourage further development.

Each child is allowed one entry, using any two-dimensional medium

(oil, watercolor, pastel, pencil, etc.). Entries will be judged according to age group, with awards for 7 to 10 year olds, and those age 11 to 14 in a separate group. Work must be framed and ready to hang, with maximum dimension 16 x 20 inches. All entries are to be for sale during the exhibition, with a modest commission payable to the Watchung Arts Center if sold.

There is a \$5 entry fee per student, payable to the WAC Visual Arts Foundation. Non-members of the Arts Center will be asked to join, with either an individual or family membership. Members receive a monthly newsletter, discounts on class registration fees, private art shows, priority seating at concerts and other benefits.

The Watchung Arts Center is conveniently located "on the circle" in Watchung. Entry forms may be requested in advance by calling 908-755-2483.

Ramapo Grad earns entrance to elite Harvard Dental Program



MAHWAH — When Ramapo College graduate Mario Ramos was at Harvard University for his interview for the prestigious Harvard Dental School program, his Ivy League counterparts were curious when Ramos hailed from. When he responded "Ramapo College in New Jersey," his colleagues were shocked, to say the least, and mystified. "Where's that?"

More and more people are learning the answer to that question, as the small four-year institution in Mahwah continues to enhance its growing reputation in higher education.

The Harvard Dental School program is, perhaps, the most elite program of its kind in the country. Only

15 candidates are selected for interviews from an annual pool of candidates, and only three of those 15 are accepted into the system. The interview process is a grueling two day scenario in which candidates meet with 10 different people.

Tomaske Ramos' selection even more distinguished is Harvard's "matching system" of selecting its candidates. In a normal job interview situation, a candidate interviews for a position and then might be offered the job so he can accept or reject it. Harvard's "matching system" asks that the candidates list, in order of preference, the schools they have visited. Harvard then lists its candidates in order of preference. The lists are matched up, and the candidates are determined.

Harvard listed Mario Ramos first on its list. Mario Ramos listed Harvard first on his list. A perfect match!

"It's one of the best programs in the country," Ramos exclaimed. "All over the country, there are certain hubs in different medical fields, and Boston is the children's hub. They fly kids into Boston from all over the world. I will get to see rare cases that I might not get to see anywhere else."

"I am going to get tremendous exposure to rare cases," Ramos continued. "It's going to be a great challenge, and I'm very excited about it. I'm going to be part of a

team. Whenever a patient comes into the hospital, different teams are called in to evaluate and treat the patient, depending on the injuries, etc. I am going to be a member of the dental team. So whenever a patient comes in with a dental problem, I will be on the team called in."

"When I went to Ramapo, I knew I wanted to go to dental school," Ramos explained. "But I did not want to major in biology. My freshman year, I took biology and chemistry, and then I got a break. The college had a Career Day on campus, and I spoke with a representative from UMDNJ. He told me that I didn't need to be a biology major. So I took my business courses for my major, and for my electives I selected the science courses that I needed for admission to dental school. It was the best decision I made because many of my colleagues do not have the business training that I do."

"Dental schools are notorious for not teaching any business skills," Ramos continued. "They just give us the top layer, basic managerial stuff. But I had tons of marketing and management classes in undergraduate. Some dental schools are getting better at the business side of instruction, but they are still not where they should be."

The Lod resident will begin his studies in Boston at the end of June, so there is not much time for Mario and his wife of four years, Margaret,

PSE&G awards Newark essay contest winners get camp trip, savings bonds

NEWARK — Three Newark elementary school students — the top prize winners in an essay contest — will enjoy the great outdoors at Camp Tecumseh this summer, and receive \$100 savings bonds at a May 29 awards ceremony hosted by PSE&G's Newark District Office of Customer

Services. The ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. in the third floor dining room at PSE&G's 80 Park Plaza headquarters, where the winners will be officially announced.

The contest was jointly sponsored by PSE&G, the Salvation Army, and the Newark Board of Education. The subject for the essay

contest was "What can PSE&G do to protect and improve the environment?"

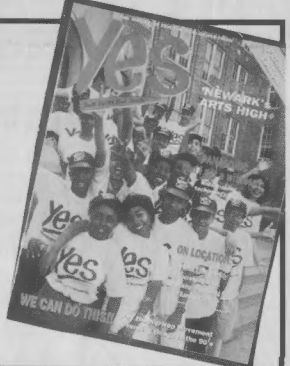
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YOUTH CONCERTS!

Newark Boys Chorus School presents annual concert

NEWARK — The Newark Boys Chorus School will present their third annual concert in the Billy Johnson Auditorium of the Newark Museum on Sunday, June 14, at 5 p.m.

This concert will be one of the few opportunities that Newark area residents will have to enjoy their "Ambassadors" in the city whose standard they carry. Additionally, it will be the only time that the public may enjoy the talents of the entire student body, as the Apprentice Chorus joins in song with the young men of the Concert Chorus, who will soon leave their mantle of excellence for another generation to carry on.

The concert is free, and for further information please call The Newark Boys Chorus School at 201-621-8900.

NJ Youth Symphony presents spring concert

WESTFIELD — The Junior Strings of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, Inc. presents a spring concert on Friday, May 29 at the Roosevelt Junior High School on Clark Street in Westfield. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is by door donation. For information, call 908-771-5544.

Program works include a Barsanti Overture, Grieg's Suite for Strings, and the Hemis Dances by Kirk. Featured on the program will be Yesterday is Today, an original work written for the Junior Strings by Belle Mead composer Rita Asch.

The 50 members of the Junior Strings represent 33 communities of central New Jersey. The orchestra members are selected through annual auditions and rehearse weekly during the school year at the Union Village United Methodist Church in Berkeley Heights.

Jersey City Library announces Reading summer reading program

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City Public Library invites children in grades 1 through 8 to come to the Main Library or any branch library from June 22 through August 14, 1992 to discover that "Reading is Oceans of Fun."

Each summer the Library offers elementary school children an eight-week program of daily activities including the reading club, films, lectures, and craft activities at the Main Library, 472 Jersey Avenue, and in its 11 branch libraries located throughout the City. Children can also participate in the reading club through the Library's Bookmobile.

The Library's own mermaid will be appearing around Jersey City in

the coming weeks to help parents and elementary school children learn about the Summer Reading Program. Look for the Library Mermaid at Hudson Mall on Saturday, May 30, 1992, Newport Mall on Saturday, June 6, 1992 and the Liberty State Park Festival on Sunday, June 14, 1992. The Library will also visit local schools to encourage children to learn that "Reading is Oceans of Fun" this summer.

Registration for the program will be held the week of June 15 at the Main Library, the branches and the Bookmobile.

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Religious Calendar

SATURDAY, MAY 30

BOYONNE — The Men's League of Jersey City's New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will hold their annual banquet and concert at 8 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall, 14-24 East 27th Street. For more information call 201-434-1950.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Sylvia J. Williams will perform in a New Brunswick fundraiser at Mount Zion AME Church. The performance is open to the public at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$7. For more information call 908-463-0703.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

NEWARK — New Hope Baptist Church will celebrate the 24th Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor, Rev. Dr. Charles E. Thomas. For more information contact the church at 201-622-4574/48.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

PLAINFIELD — Families Trust in God will hold their Family Night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. They will also hold a tribute to fathers on June 17. For more information call 908-668-0100.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

NEWARK — The Third Anniversary of the New Jersey Fellowship Choir will be celebrated at 4 p.m. at Zion Hill Baptist Church, 152 Osborne Terrace. The choir will celebrate the life and music of Rev. James Cleveland. For more information call 908-753-3432.

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Acclaimed vocalist Sylvia J. Williams performs for New Brunswick fundraiser

NEW BRUNSWICK—Having returned recently from a concert appearance in Minnesota, Soprano, Sylvia J. Williams is scheduled to perform a special concert of Sacred music in benefit for the Music Ministry of Mt. Zion AME Church of New Brunswick. Williams will be joined by renowned Pianist and Julliard diplomate, Mr. Wayne R. Rose, Director of Performing Arts at Red Bank Regional HS.

The New Jersey resident, via Georgia, is thrilled to be back in the state on Sunday, May 31 at 4 p.m., for this greatly anticipated concert in the sanctuary of the church.

Tickets are \$7 with a reception to follow. Proceeds from sales go directly benefit the Ministry of Music Department of Mt. Zion, a church with a developing, adroit offering of quality musical presentations. For tickets or further information please call 908-463-0703, Monday through Friday, from 10am to 10pm and Wednesdays until 6 p.m.

A singer of extraordinary sensitivity and commitment, Sylvia J. Williams has dedicated her public performances to the art of the Spiritual and other music of liturgical or theological significance, as well as songs that indicate the mettle of generations of African-American peoples and their experiences in this country.

A graduate of Westminster Choir College of Princeton, Ms. Williams' performances include the Virginia Opera, the New Jersey Opera Festival and, while a student at Westminster, with the National Symphony, the New York Philharmonic and the Pittsburgh Symphony, as well as, being a featured soloist for the British Broadcasting Company recording of "BBC Hymn Sing at Westminster".

Plainfield forms health care managers association

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield area Tri-County Chapter of the Professional Association of Health Care Office Managers (PAHCOM) has recently been formed. This is the first chapter of this national organization in the State of New Jersey.

The purpose of PAHCOM is to provide educational seminars, nationwide surveying, certification crediting, managerial support and the promotion of professionalism.

The officers of the Tri-County chapter are: President, Jeanne Price, Urological Associates of Central Jersey, PA; Vice President, Beverly Jenkin, Neurosurgical Associates at Park Avenue, PA;

Secretary, Cathy Boubougias, Park Avenue Associates; and Treasurer Patricia Westburg, Youns Rake, MD; Angel Kevin, Shafi-Choi Orthopaedic Associates, PA is responsible for new membership recruitment.

The Tri-County Chapter meets the third Wednesday of the month at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

Membership is open to all office managers of six or less physicians in Union, Somerset and Middlesex Counties.

For information or questions call Mrs. Kenvin at 908-561-2220 or Mrs. Jenkin at 908-668-0650.

Laying down the law

by Esuare Osagande

PLAINFIELD — With all the attention surrounding the Rodney King case, it is surprising to know that African-Americans are still making strides in law enforcement. On Wednesday, May 6, Lieutenant Ron Law was promoted to captain of the Plainfield Police Department, putting him one step away from the position of Chief of Police. When asked about how he felt, he responded, "I am very pleased. This job is all responsibility; you take the oath to come on board and deliver to the people what is proper and necessary." He further stated that his good fortune is from his perseverance and preparation.

As a young boy who grew up in Newark, he understands the importance of believing in one's self and striving to achieve one's goals. Law stated that the youth of today need that motivation to achieve as he did. "The most important thing is discipline. You need discipline to accomplish anything." Law went through the ranks from a rookie to become second in command of the force.

With all the focus now on police brutality, Law stated that he is in support of having a better selection process set up that would screen the candidates' background before they are considered. "Usually there are early indicators as to whether or not this person is fit to do the job. I am against any form of police brutality — two wrongs don't make a right. Force should only be used to detain the suspect, anything outside of that is questionable. The case involving Rodney King is unbelievable. How could they come back with a not guilty decision? It certainly wasn't necessary."

When asked about the case involving his own police department in the death of Santana Hamish, a

young African-American found hanged in his jail cell, he stated that he could not comment because it was still in the judicial process.

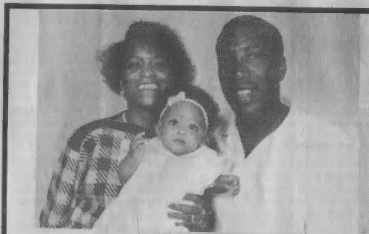
Law was in charge of the internal affairs investigation of the police involved. He would only say that if they are found guilty then

disciplinary action should be taken. "Certain individuals will always slip through the system," he said.

Law did not suggest that his department was immune from police brutality, but made it clear that in his new position he would stand up against it.



Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell swears in new police captain Ron Law.



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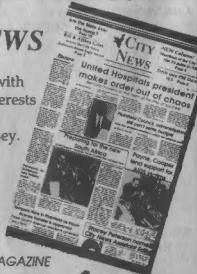
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NEW BRUNSWICK — Color photography by Eric Guma Mbaho Mene of the new African Continent is featured in an exhibit in the third-floor gallery of Crossroads Theatre Company during the run of Richard Wesley's drama, THE TALENTED TENTH, through June 7. The gallery includes memorabilia from Howard University. Together, the photographs and memorabilia reflect recurring themes in the play now on stage at Crossroads. For more information call 908-249-5560.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

NEWARK — The Ric-Charles Choral Ensemble will present its Twelfth Annual Spring Concert at the Mount Catholic Baptist Church, 235-251 Seymour Avenue at 7:30 p.m. The featured work of the concert will be a choral composition by Roland Carter, lyrics by Langston Hughes entitled "Hail Fall to Dreams." For more information call 908-754-PCCE.

WATCHUNG — Guitar legend Pat Farfaro and bassist Gary Mazzaporta will perform at the Watchung Arts Center at 8 p.m. For more information call 201-242-8190.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

NEWARK — The Anderson String Quartet featuring Pianist Richard Alston will perform at the Newark Museum as part of the OnStage in New Jersey program. For more information call 201-242-8110.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

NEW YORK — The New York Zoological Society's Central Park Zoo, C.O. 101.9 PM, and Apple & Eve juice company will host a series of Monday evening jazz concerts at this Zoo in June. Predicted by New Audiences, Cool Jazz Mondays at the Central Park Zoo will feature saxophonist Nelson Rangell on June 1, Cool Jazz Mondays begin at 8:30 p.m. Performance in the Central Garden start at approx. 7:00 p.m. For more info, call 212-439-6827.

NEWARK — The Aljira Fine Art Exhibition and Silent Auction, June 1-11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information call 201-643-3877.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

NEWARK — Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) will bring its outdoor Rhythms in the Park Series. Kicking off the ninth season of the four-month series will be Amber and Company, a jazz and contemporary music ensemble. The luncheon concerts are held from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Roberts I. Smith Amphitheater, adjacent to PSE&G's corporate headquarters. For more info, call 201-439-6827.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

PLAINFIELD — "La Nonna" will be performed at the Grant Avenue Community Center also on June 5. For more information call 908-561-0123.

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Anderson String Quartet finale of OnStage Series

NEWARK — The Carter G. Woodson Foundation OnStage in New Jersey series will present its final program of the season: "Classical and Black," with the Anderson String Quartet and Richard Alston, pianist, free of charge — at the Newark Museum on Sunday, May 31 at 3 p.m.

The members of the Anderson String Quartet are: Marianne Henry, violin; Marisa McLeod, violin; Diederla Lawrence, viola; and Michael Cameron, violoncello. They perform on a matching set of instruments made in Cremona, Italy by John Terry in 1986.

The Quartet's performance will include the Newark debut of Bartok's String Quartet #1; Haydn's String Quartet in E flat major, Op. 33/2; and the Schumann Piano Quintet (Op. 44 in E flat) with pianist Richard Alston.

The Woodson Foundation, based in Newark, is a multi-disciplinary arts organization that celebrates the creative expressions and cultural heritages of African-Americans through performances and educational activities. "Classical and Black" is the last performance of its 1992 OnStage in New Jersey series, which included the presentation of 13 other events in 11 New Jersey cities.

No tickets are necessary for this free "Classical and Black" concert. The Billy Johnson Auditorium at The Newark Museum will open at 2:15 p.m. and patrons will be seated on a first-come-first serve basis. Group reservations may be made by calling 201-242-8110. The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington Street.

Prudential makes \$25,000 grant to Aljira

NEWARK — One of New Jersey's leading, experimental art spaces has received a significant boost. Aljira, Newark's community-based art center, has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation.

Aljira was founded in 1983 by Carl Hazlewood and Victor Davison, two artists from Newark with a passion for refining the image of their community through art. The center has grown into an organization in downtown Newark that offers rotating exhibitions, classes, lectures and poetry readings to people both in Newark and far beyond. Aljira is one of 6 organizations in the nation to receive a National Endowment for the Arts Award for its excellent programs.

There is immense talent and creativity in the Newark area, and it is wonderful that artists on the cutting edge are finally receiving the recognition they deserve," said Victor Davison, executive director of Aljira. "The Prudential, our earliest and largest funder, has helped stabilize Aljira with its financial support and endorsement of our mission."

The center has developed its niche featuring multi-cultural artists. Aljira's recent exhibition "Malcolm X: the Man, the Meaning" will soon be followed by an installation involving four local artists. A major project the center is working on is "Rethinking the City: Public Image/Public Place," which will open in the fall of 1992.

Behind-the-scenes

by Lisa Collins

CULVER CITY, CA — Things were never so good for 19-year-old newcomer Silver Gregory, who'd landed a starring role in a much-hyped, new series. The Martinique-native was cast as the 16-year-old granddaughter of Redd Foxx in CBS' "Royal Family." Ratings soared as the show got off to a great start. Then came the untimely death of Redd Foxx. "When he died," Silver says, "none of us cared about the show. But CBS never even considered taking the show off the air. Then we just all got together at Della's house, and said, 'Redd did not do this for nothing. Let's carry this on in his name.' 'Jackie came in at a really hard time. We were all like, who ever steps in here, we are not open to you, cause nobody is gonna take Redd's place. But, immediately she was 'whatever you need me to do or not to do, I'm here to do or not to do, I will follow your lead.'"

She never tried to usurp anything, and you can't help but like her. Now, she's part of the family. It's a new show now with a new kind of chemistry and it's working." Before getting the role, Gregory worked as a temp and go-go dancer in New York, occasionally getting bit parts on shows like the "Coby Show." She's been on her own on and off since she was 12, and admits to having "a real hard time, just trying to make it." But that all changed last April when she flew to L.A. to audition for the show, packing only a day's worth of clothes. "I got the job and only had one change of clothes for two weeks of shooting. (Della took me on a wild shopping spree and bought me all these clothes)." Today, the sky's the limit for Silver Gregory. "Starting on a weekly show isn't even close to being enough, but it's a real nice beginning."

Hollywood Swinging: Cast members of "Motor Man" and "Poetic Justice," who gathered for a friendly softball game, didn't want to address the L.A. riots nor the verdict. Instead, those turning out - John Singleton, Robert Townsend, Tupac Shakur, and Regina King among them — just wanted to release tensions, and have a light afternoon. With everything pushed back due to the riots, this was a busy week in L.A.'s entertainment community. On Monday, there was the star-studded premiere of "Lethal Weapon" and "Celebrate The Soul of American Music," a program televised for broadcast during June ("Black Music Month"). I chose the latter — a TV special honoring living legends (including the Temptations, LaVern Baker, Martha Reeves & the Vandellas, Bobby Blue Bland, and Cab Calloway) in the music industry and featuring performances by many African American musical stars — Gerald Lever, the Boys, and the Winans. What a mistake! While the show, hosted by Diahann Carroll, Dionne Warwick, and Charles Dutton, had its moments, it wasn't as well coordinated and got to be boring in spots. The premiere, on the other hand, was said to be fabulous, with an after-party at one of my favorite restaurants — Maple Drive. Those on hand included Danny Glover, Mel Gibson, Heavy D, and Ice-T. Tuesday night provided similar options with Quincy Jones honored at the Beverly Wilshire hotel, a reception for a sensational new Mercury Records artist, Brian McKnight, at the posh Hotel Nikko — and a weekend series of activities surrounding the release of Kid n' Play's upcoming movie, "Class Act." And so, the week went.

On the home front: Living next door to an entertainer may not be all it's cracked up to be. At least that's the case of the neighbors of Smokey Robinson, who have just filed a \$750,000 lawsuit over a tree that fell in their yard in 1991, along with a fence they claim Robinson erected ("it split") to annoy them. ("I'll keep you updated"). Best wishes for a speedy recovery to crooner Billy Eckstine, who suffered a minor stroke last month. By the way: Those recently attending "R&B Live," a popular Los Angeles nightclub, got an earful when vocalist Miki Howard — impatient with organizers — offered them a piece of her anatomy to kiss. Unbeknownst to Howard, her mike was on.

Plainfield opens new Park Madison

PLAINFIELD — The official opening of Park Madison has been scheduled for Saturday, May 30 at 11 a.m. at the site located at the corner of West Front Street and Park Avenue.

Park Madison, which is located at the heart of the Central Business District, was designated an urban renewal site by the City of Plainfield in the early 1960. For over 25 years, the site remained vacant and was a strong factor in the negative perception of the city.

In January, 1991, the Urban Enterprise Zone Authority approved a request by the city to use Enterprise Zone Assistance Fund monies to upgrade the site into a park. The improvements include total grading of the site, new trees and other plantings, playground equipment, new sidewalks, asphalt walkways, a flag pole, police shelter, and a gazebo. The project began in June, 1991 and was completed in January, 1992. The total cost of the project was \$338,000, the funds available through the Urban Enterprise Zone program enabled Plainfield to win unanimous support for the project in the community.

Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell stated, "The upgrading of Park Madison has helped us restore a sense of pride in our community. As urban areas continue to struggle to survive, innovative projects such as this, tend to breathe new life and energy into our community."

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TRANSIT PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION REQUEST FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1991

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT), under provision of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, gave notice on August 28 and September 5, 1991 of its intent to apply for \$122.86 million in Section 9 formula fund, which were estimated to be available for the purpose of providing operating and capital assistance during Fiscal Year 1992. NJ TRANSIT also gave notice of its intent to apply for \$1.92 million in FY 1992 federal assistance estimated to be available under Sections 16(b)(2) and 19 for special transportation services and \$0.045 million in Section 3 funds available under the Entrepreneurial Services Challenge grant program. NJ TRANSIT also intended to apply for \$2.64 million estimated available under the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, Title 23, as amended, for public transportation projects.

NJ TRANSIT now gives notice of its intent to modify the above program under the terms of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), which was enacted in December 1991 and supersedes the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964. The federal funds will be matched as required with funds provided by the State of New Jersey, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, counties participating in the Section 18 Program, and private provider(s) participating in the Entrepreneurial Services Grant Program in conformance with federal and state guidelines. NJ TRANSIT also intends to provide the non-federal share of certain grants provided for toll revenues and petroleum violation escrow account funds as allowed by Sections 1044 and 3059 of the ISTEA. The revised program is described below.

REVISED SECTION 9 FORMULA OPERATING AND CAPITAL PROGRAM

PROJECT	(In Millions of Dollars)	LOCAL	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Operating Assistance		121.72	39.30	160.02
Rehabilitation of Rail Infrastructure		6.11	24.24	30.35
Associated Capital Maintenance (spare parts)		0.50	2.00	2.50
Upgrade of Passenger Communications Systems/Amenities		0.01	0.40	0.50
Rail Station Development		0.10	0.40	0.50
Penn Station New York/Northeast Corridor Improvements		5.40	21.60	27.00
Newark City Subway Rehabilitation		2.25	9.25	11.50
Purchase of Non-Renewable Vehicles/Equipment		0.78	3.07	3.85
Purchase of Buses/Vans		2.14	8.56	10.70
Purchase of Operations Support Equipment		0.25	0.25	0.50
Environmental Compliance Program		0.60	2.40	3.00
Enhancements to Management Information System		0.50	3.60	4.10
Private Capital Improvement Program		0.30	1.50	1.80
Capital Lease Payments		2.26	0.94	3.20
TOTAL		141.81	118.45	260.26

FINAL TITLE 23 INTERSTATE TRANSFER PROGRAM

PROJECT	(In Millions of Dollars)	LOCAL	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Purchase of Non-Renewable Vehicles/Equipment		0.15	0.85	1.00
Environment Compliance Program		0.31	1.79	2.10
TOTAL		0.46	2.64	3.10

PROPOSED SECTION 3 DISCRETIONARY AND FORMULA PROGRAM

PROJECT	(In Millions of Dollars)	LOCAL	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Rehabilitation of Rail Infrastructure		2.11	8.45	10.56
Purchase of Non-Renewable Vehicles/Equipment		0.06	0.23	0.29
Rehabilitation of the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad and Upgrade of Paterson Station		10.47	41.89	52.36
Purchase of Buses		5.59	22.77	28.45
Purchase of Local Link Vehicles		0.75	3.00	3.75
Newark/Elizabeth Rail LRT Design		1.26	5.00	6.26
Hudson River Waterfront/Trafficway, Phase II		2.76	11.00	13.76
Rehabilitation of the Atlantic City Seaside Station		0.75	3.00	3.75
Atlantic City Bus Maintenance Facility Design		0.75	3.00	3.75
Secaucus Transit Construction		25.01	100.05	125.06
Monmouth/Ocean/Middlesex Corridor Alternatives Analysis and Draft Environmental Impact Statement		0.45	1.80	2.25
TOTAL		57.56	230.26	287.82

PROPOSED SECTION 1007 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

PROJECT	(In Millions of Dollars)	LOCAL	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Improvements to Historic Rail Stations		1.00	4.00	5.00

PROPOSED SECTION 1008 CONGESTION MITIGATION

PROJECT	(In Millions of Dollars)	LOCAL	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Northeast Corridor Signal Improvements		4.25	17.00	21.25
Purchase Locomotives		9.25	13.00	16.25
TOTAL		13.50	30.00	43.50

NJ TRANSIT also amends the Entrepreneurial Challenge Grant Program from \$0.045 to \$0.086 million in Federal Section 3 Funds and the Section 16(b) (2) and Section 18 Special Transportation Services Program to \$3.04 million in federal funds, which conforms with the amount available in FY1992.

A. Property Acquisition/Environmental, Economic, and Social Aspects

Any property acquisition or relocation that may be required will be conducted in accordance with the appropriate provision of the law and regulatory requirements. No significant adverse environmental impact is anticipated at this time. As appropriate, the social, economic, environmental, and relocation aspects of the projects will be investigated. If required under applicable laws and regulations, interline findings may be presented at a future public hearing and further public comment will be solicited. Prior to the implementation of any of the projects and to the extent required, NJ TRANSIT may prepare a draft Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to federal regulations. The availability of this statement shall be made known by publication in the same manner as this notice. NJ TRANSIT will adhere to all federal statutes and regulations affecting projects on the National Register of Historic Places.

B. Comprehensive Planning

NJ TRANSIT projects are developed in coordination with the following planning organization: The North Jersey Transportation Coordinating Council (NJTC), which is the designated Metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Northeast New Jersey urbanized area, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRC), which is the designated Metropolitan planning organization for the Philadelphia urbanized area, the Wilmington Metropolitan Area Planning Coordinating Council (WILMAPCO), which is the MPO for the Salem urbanized area, the Atlantic City Urban Area Transportation Council (ACUATC), which is the MPO for the Atlantic City urbanized area, and the Cumberland County Urban Area Transportation Study (CCUATS), which is the MPO for the Vineland/Milville urbanized area. The MPOs are the forums for local decision-making concerning the proposed projects. The projects will be developed in consultation with local elected officials, interested citizens, and providers of private bus services.

C. Private Enterprise Participation

Through the comprehensive planning process administered by the MPOs and ongoing consultation with NJ TRANSIT's Office of Capital Administration, NJ TRANSIT will continue to discuss with private carriers their participation in the capital program. In addition, NJ TRANSIT encourages to the maximum extent possible, the participation of the private sector in the development and implementation of public transportation in the State of New Jersey.

D. Elderly and Handicapped

Services to be provided will be consistent with NJ TRANSIT's program of reduced interstate and intrastate rail and bus fares for elderly and handicapped persons. Every reasonable effort will be made to plan and design program elements and facilities generally available to the public with careful consideration of the special needs of elderly and handicapped persons.

E. Public Input

NJ TRANSIT invites public comments on the above projects and its performance. Written comments and/or requests for a public hearing may be sent to Albert R. Hasbrouck, Assistant Executive Director of Corporate Affairs, NJ TRANSIT, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07102-2546 by June 8, 1992. Based on comments received in response to this notice and the information made available, NJ TRANSIT may modify the above programs before final submission to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and will make a determination, pursuant to FTA regulations, as to whether a public hearing is in order.

SHIRLEY A. DELBERG
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The Housing Authority of Plainfield desires to obtain proposals for curtain services for the three (3) housing developments, West End Gardens, 128 Units, Elmwood Gardens, 120 Units and Richmond Towers, 225 Units.

Proposals forms and information may be obtained at the office of the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms in two (2) sealed envelopes, showing the name and address of the contractor on the outside of the envelope, at the Housing Authority office on or before 11:00 a.m. on June 2, 1992. Upon notification of acceptance of the proposal and award, the contractor will be required to immediately sign a contract and commence service. Contractor will also be required to submit evidence of required insurance. The Housing Authority of Plainfield reserves the right to reject all proposals or to waive any informalities therein.

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the proposals without the consent of the Housing Authority of Plainfield.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD
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5-20-92 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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3. Hours of availability.
4. Verification of professional registration and license with the State of New Jersey.
5. List of References.

Proposals must be submitted no later than the close of business Wednesday, June 3, 1992 and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and addressed as follows:

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On May 1, 1992, the New Jersey Department of Personnel will publish Examination Announcements in the Job Opportunity Bulletin, for the following positions in the City of Plainfield:

- Assistant Comproller
- Communications Operator
- Recruitment Supervisor
- Senior Clerk Stenographer
- Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics
- Plumbing Sub-Code Officer

All examinations are open to Residents of New Jersey. Applications will be available on May 1, 1992 at the following locations:

- Clifton City Hall
- Clifton Recreation Department
- Clifton Fire Station
- Clifton Libraries

and also at the New Jersey Department of Personnel Office, Newark, at a hold on date of June 1, 1992. Seventh Floor. All applications must be postmarked or delivered to the Department of Personnel in Trenton, prior to the closing date for filing applications on May 30, 1992.

The City of Clifton is an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER, and is seeking qualified minority employees from throughout Passaic and Essex Counties.

TOWN OF HARRISON

Police Officer: Salary \$26,580-\$37,123. Announcement will be made by the New Jersey Department of Personnel on or about June 1, 1992 with closing date for applications on June 30, 1992.

Applications may be obtained after June 1, 1992 from the New Jersey Department of Personnel or the Office of Compliance, 315 Harrison Avenue, Harrison, New Jersey.

This examination is open to residents of Hudson and Essex Counties and requires an appointment within 15 miles of Harrison upon appointment to the position.

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Application available June 1, 1992, at the Kearny Town Hall, 402 Kearny Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey. All completed applications must be filed directly with the New Jersey Department of Personnel on or before June 30, 1992.

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New Jersey Banking Chief issues statewide discrimination in lending advisory

TRENTON—New Jersey Banking Commissioner Jeff Connor last week issued an advisory urging every lender in the State to take constructive actions to overcome any overt or unperceived racial disparities in lending practices. Commissioner Connor said, "I issued the four-part advisory in response to data released by the Federal Reserve which indicated that lenders throughout the nation rejected minorities at a rate far greater than whites even when both white and minority applicants had similar incomes."

"Lenders in New Jersey and throughout the nation often hold the key to families and individuals

reaching new plateaus of economic prosperity and security," Governor Florio said of the advisory. "I fully support efforts that help ensure the kind of opportunity New Jerseyans demand and indeed, deserve."

Commissioner Connor said that although the data had some limitations such as not explaining why the rejection disparity existed, the pattern was undeniably disturbing. "That is why I am issuing this advisory outlining steps lenders should take to address possible racial disparities in lending he said in the advisory which was mailed to every state and nationally chartered bank

savings and loan credit union mortgage banker and broker and second mortgage lender in New Jersey.

The advisory urges lenders to evaluate the credit analysis process, implement safeguards that will help prevent credit decision makers from basing any part of their decisions on race, install a safety net that provides for a double review process of all rejected applications, enhance community outreach efforts, and target lending to minority-owned small businesses and inner-city businesses in general.

"Considering these factors in an honest assessment of your own

organization's lending practices will go a long way toward integrating New Jersey's minority population into the mainstream of economic opportunity and prosperity," Commissioner Connor said. "I hope that you will join with your colleagues in seriously attempting to demolish racial disparities in lending."

Copies of Commissioner Connor's advisory, or of a speech the Commissioner gave on April 22 entitled "Overcoming Racial Disparities in Lending can be outlined by fax by calling Linda Crelin of the Department of Banking at 609-292-7000.

Black-owned land

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Since others want the land, it is up to African-Americans to save it. Once the land is lost, it is almost never regained. With very little "formal" education, and just 50 years after the end of slavery, the ancestors, recognizing the importance of land ownership, amassed 15 million acres. Seventy years later, having lost sight of the importance of the only collective asset available, blacks are on the verge of becoming landless.

For more information please contact the Land Preservation Fund at 800-672-5839 or 800-444-8935. Also, contact Legal Issues Related to Land at 800-672-5839, Farm Production or Marketing Issues at 800-444-8935 or Urban Market Development at 215-0957 or 718-462-7000.

The urban bandwagon

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housing for, and among, low-income residents. We must have local responsibility for the building, staffing and monitoring of schools and our educational institutions. The community must be given the power to take care of its own to fund and control programs to form neighborhood organizations and rid them of crime.

The bureaucracies of government poverty programs, which en-

abled the black middle class of the last three decades to feed off the poor while absorbing 70 percent of the federal dollars that have been spent must not be put at the head of the urban bandwagon this time. The nation needs to invest in the capacity of this generation of inner city low income people to directly solve the problems they face.

The status quo must go and leadership must now by "the people."



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Questions abound

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said that:

- There has been a breakdown in the family unit;

- People have gotten away from their moral obligations, and their ideals from churches;

- There is a continuing disbelief in the government.

Thelma Pannell, who's still reeling from the death of her son Phillip, said that even though she believes the Task Force has outlined some good points, she does not feel that anything positive has been addressed regarding the problems within the legal system itself.

"A lot of these people are police officers," she said, "Cops will go along with cops. Civil rights leaders should be on the Task Force."

Washington March

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lives, Mrs. Johnson said that she took issue with this, especially since Gov. Clinton has on several occasions said that he has an urban agenda for the country.

"For a president or a candidate not to have joined in shows that they're not in touch with the needs of the people," she said.

"We saw Chicago crumble, we saw LA go up in flames, and a presidential candidate or president can't come out or send a representative?" she said.

She said she is dismayed because she does not know what will come next in order to get the politicians to invest in the cities again.

Pointing out that she and her family were active participants in the civil rights movement of the 60s, she was disappointed that this same passion and urgency for change was not apparent last weekend.

"You didn't get the sense that people were enthusiastic and hopeful," Mrs. Johnson said. "It seemed the people there felt they had to try anything to help focus on the degradation of the cities."

She and her family were encouraged, though, by the variety of people who did participate as well as the presence of several area mayors and government officials. Newark Mayor Sharpe Steele, Irvington Mayor Michael Steele, East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper, New York City Mayor David Dinkins, New York Governor Mario Cuomo, Democratic presidential candidate Jerry Brown, Washington, DC Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke, Mayor Raymond Flynn of Boston, and many others led the way among ethnic groups, disabled Americans, veterans, and other special interest groups lobbied for a \$35 billion plan to uplift the cities.

Mrs. Johnson said that even though there is not next step, she is hopeful that with the presidential election around the corner, citizens will reasonably gage what to expect from their elected officials and move towards a sane approach to order.

Macy's closes

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from the big guy, and is affected by whatever decisions the big guy makes. Since this community is predominantly black, they (Macy's) have decided to dissolve here first. This shows us that we need our own businesses more than ever."

It is evident that a community cannot afford to be dependent on outside institutions that do not have the community's best interest at heart. Mayor Mitchell said in a letter to the residents to sign. "This is not over, we will go to the courts if necessary, we will do whatever it takes."

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